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Unto Thee, Omniscient One, we give thanks for Thy bounteous gifts. Thou hast spread before us the fruit and the flowers and the golden fields of grain. All the earth is ours. We have dominion over the beast and the birds of the air. Thou hast given us our Will to command them to serve us; shall we abuse our privilege? Can we give pain and discomfort to the dumb creatures which are condemned to do our bidding? Can we ask of Thee compassion if we ourselves are not worthy? Can we condemn our Brother or Sister when we cannot bear the Light of Truth? O brother, let us study these lessons. The Book of Life is open.

Whether we know it or not, in the eternal Evolution of the eternal soul all years are divine, sacred and blessed.

There comes a blessed moment to each and all souls, some time, somewhere, when it sees the beauties and blessings of God and eternal life, and can then view all the griefs, sorrows, aches and pangs of the Past as only helps and blessings. We all of us, sooner or later, come to know and realize we are eternal children of a loving eternal All-Father, and that we all of us, without one exception, have all the countless years of the endless future before us, to reach infinite perfection, the one good of all beings.

What a blessed New Year this will be to that weary and sorrowful soul who awakens to the blessed truth of the Eternality of all beings, all matter!

There can be no real peace, no real joy as long as we only know a part of the whole truth; as, for instance, a self-righteous man believes he is saved and some or most of his brothers are lost.

Reason, if not his soul, ought to teach any man that either all are saved, or else none are saved; what sort of a god would that be who condemned a part (a great part according to dogma and dualistic mind), and did not care for the whole, the All? Can such a god be the God of Love, of whom the Apostle John spoke? How did this insane and selfish idea ever creep into the minds of men? But there!—this monstrous error was born, cradled and fostered in the Age of Darkness, when men did not know, and were God-fearing men and not God-loving souls; when bigots and fanatics and zealots without wisdom flourished.

Thank the great God, and praise His blessed Name forever! We now live in a Great Age of Love and Light, with a Great God, a God that loves all of His children, without one exception, and ultimately wins all back to His mighty Heart of Love, and embraces all in His long and tender Arms of Mercy. God has

a heart big enough for all, and arms long enough to embrace all.

So, beloved child of God, if you can swell your heart with love of God and all beings, all things, all nature, you will have only Blessed Years for all eternity; then each day will be a new and blessed day, and each year a new and blessed year.

There is no better time than this new Year to meditate on this one central Truth—that we are all of us (so-called "saints" and "sinners") eternal children of One Eternal Father, whose name is Love; that we are all of us working and struggling onward, forward and upward to a consciousness of our one Heavenly Father; that those who may be awakened can help the unawakened by silent, pure, sweet, and gentle love; that harsh and cruel untruths about a monster god and his awful anger and wrath never yet made a great God-lover, but has made countless millions of God-fearing bigots and fanatics, who have bound and ground their brothers with fear and doubt, and caused more bloodshed, in the name of our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, than any other one cause.

Our woes, miseries and ills come from non-recognition and non-realization of the Eternal. With non-recognition of the eternal God (ignoring God) we may expect only discords in life. In recognition of God is the beginning of non-attachment and non-resistance and the beginning of the eternal Blessed or Blissful Way. In all ages Christed men have iterated and reiterated this one blessed truth: many have been awakened by the teaching and have entered the way and become eternally blessed with eternal Peace; others have preferred to sleep in darkness and ignored the blessed Light of Truth and have suffered; in time these sleeping brothers become satiated and sore with intense and continuous pain, grief and sorrow, and they begin to awake and reach out to the Eternal God and find that they have been sleeping and dreaming horrible dreams on His very Bosom all the time. God is nearer to all of us than our own thoughts, and yet we will know Him not and continue to suffer.

Blessed day! blessed moment! when a dear brother awakens to the Eternal Life. Then there is great joy and gladness in heaven and earth and in his own heart.

This awakening usually comes at the end of a great storm of sensual strife, amidst great agony. "Look for the flower to bloom in the Silence that follows the great storm; not till then."

Not until the mind, the will, the whole nature have yielded and surrendered to the

Eternal Higher Self can the bloom of eternal Peace open. "And in the deep Silence the mysterious event will occur which will prove that the Eternal Way has been found." The eternal living Christ within the soul is now the supreme and blessed master. And the Voice speaketh where there is apparently none to speak. It is the blessed message of God; it cannot be described.

It is written on the walls of the eternal Hall of Learning as follows: "Those that earnestly ask in love and fervence and in great sorrow and despair shall have relief. Those that desire to read the divine mysteries, out of pure love for truth, shall read. Those that hunger and thirst for learning, understanding, knowledge and wisdom, with no selfish or impure motives, shall learn all things. Dost thou hear? All things."

INFLUENCE OF THOUGHT.

It is pretty generally realized now-a-days that a man's act follows inevitably along the track of his thought, and that the most important thing about any man is the sort of thoughts he holds in his mind; for as he thinks he becomes.

But it is perhaps less generally known that we see our friends and neighbors through the media, or rather with the eyes of our own thought vehicle; and our judgment is influenced more than we often imagine by the instrument which we employ for this object.

Are we hard-hearted and selfish? Then we shall see the like quality in others, and misinterpreting many of their motives, shall give them credit for errors and faults which are none of theirs; we have not made allowance for the color of the media.

If a man is large-hearted and generous, he somehow is able to perceive all the virtues of the like kind which other people he comes in contact with, have managed to evolve; his media of perception enables him to do this.

And perhaps there is a good reason for the experience, if we examine the matter more closely.

For wherever a really kind, big-hearted man goes, he radiates kindly thoughts and feelings, and his action bespeaks the man behind it; accordingly, all with whom he comes in contact feel this warming influence and respond to it: just as a warm sun draws out and spreads before us all the beauty of nature, so does the kindness and magnanimity of the man draw out all that is good and graceful in those he meets; so that in very truth, he sees better qualities in them than ordinary people do, because his own influence has brought these better qualities to the surface.

Even a man who is naturally hard and self-seeking feels thawed under his influence.

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and whatever there is of good in him is helped and encouraged.

On the other hand, the aura of the hard, grasping man acts as would a bleak wind on the flowers of the earth, and whatever is good in those he meets, tends to shrivel up in his presence; they instinctively surround themselves with a sort of protective material, as plants are said to do when there comes along a biting frost; and accordingly, in very truth, the hard, grasping man sees in others precisely the same qualities he himself possesses, as all the better qualities have been withdrawn in his presence; but he does not know that what he sees is largely his own qualities reflected back upon himself.

It follows from this, that if we have any quarrel or misunderstanding with another person, it may be well for us to reflect upon it in the light of these facts, and, above all, not to be too hasty in condemning our fellows, lest we condemn ourselves by implication.

We shall be much better employed if, instead of complaining of the frailties of our neighbors, we devote the energy thus expended unprofitably, in the more useful and practical channel of cultivating those qualities in ourselves which we fancy to be lacking in them.

DISCORDANT MENTAL CONDITIONS.

In holy calm man is all-powerful as a forceful and intelligent helper of the Whole.

In our calm and serene moments the mind is fully open to all the beneficent unseen forces of the universe; it is then, too, that great and mighty angels can reach, hold and instruct the mind.

Discordant mental states, such as fear, doubt, anger, hate, greed and envy, fanaticism, bigotry and intolerance always close the doors of the mind to the higher powers.

Again, our health, vigor and strength depend upon our mental states.

Henry Wood says: "It has been abundantly proved that anger changes the secretions; that fear deranges the circulation and impoverishes the blood; that anxiety wastes the nervous energy; and that selfishness, pessimism and immoral thoughts sap the vitality."

Those who are uniformly calm, serene and poised generate tremendous quantities of cerebro-spinal fluid, which contains all the most powerful health and strength-making elements in the universe. There can be no physical disease or weakness where there is secreted an abundance of this wonderful cerebro-spinal fluid.

Think!—how many times each day you let come into your mind these enervating thoughts of fear, doubt, anxiety and apprehension. Know!—that these thoughts make for inharmonious and disorderly conditions, and sap your brain, your spinal column, and the nervous system of minute elements that combined make cerebro-spinal fluid.

The physical body, or temple, in which you reside is a wonderful and complex organism, and its health and strength and endurance and power to do are in exact ratio to the power of your mind to generate harmonious thoughts. "The body, or external expression in quality, is a result and correspond-

ence of the average mental status which is behind it."

So discordant mental states always cause inharmonious friction throughout the whole organism—disease, weakness and early death of the body.

The advanced souls all over the world recognize and honor Mr. Henry Wood as a deep, profound, and earnest thinker, and a great knower of Life and the eternal Law, and within a few years he has been extensively quoted as an authority on metaphysical and psychic-mental subjects. In speaking of the power of mind he says:

"If discordant mental conditions admittedly pull down physical tissue, high, harmonious and optimistic thinking ought to build it up. In other words, mental positives should have even more power for good than careless and unwitting negatives in the other direction."

The great God gives us power to think as we please, and we can all change our mode of thought with a little effort.

The best and safest plan in mental culture is to empty and cleanse the mind of all thought for a while each day, and thus let the God within fill our minds with divine or universal mind. This is called going into the Silence and dwelling with the Most High. It is very refreshing and recreating to do this for a little while upon arising in the morning, at noon, and just before retiring, always attending to your present duties and work. If we neglect our duties and work for meditation, no gain is made.

Discordant mental conditions often are the result of too much dreaming, meditating and praying and neglecting duty, work and service. God and the angels can help us without a multiplicity of words.

We are all eternal souls having bodies and minds, and are not bodies having souls. Discordant mental states will always ensue as long as we think we are bodies with souls. We free our minds from discordant illusions when we realize we are eternal souls always living in a body grosser or finer, material or etheric bodies. Even the etheric body is composed of matter of a finer and more subtle nature—filled with the finer fluids of nature. We can have fine and beautiful bodies here and now if we increase our vital energies from within—by thinking purely and clearly.

"Vitality can be increased from within," says Mr. Wood. "All this is exceedingly simple when the working of the law is intelligently grasped. It involves no nonsense, superstition, denial of matter or anything else that is unreasonable. It does not disparage physical hygiene, but is friendly and co-operative."

A soulful man is always sane, sensible, reasonable and logical, and does not import into his mind discordant thoughts; he is poised and balanced.—The Blissful Prophet.

EVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS.

Long before Darwin or Herbert Spencer had anything to say about evolution, the great Emerson was writing truths about it. "It was read by many as blasphemy and atheism." In the "Poems of Emerson," by Charles Malloy, among other things, we find the following: "In Emerson's poem entitled, 'Song of Na-

ture,' he makes Nature sing a report of her work in the long ages of the world's history. He says, in his essay on 'Nature': 'Geology has initiated us into the secularity of Nature, and taught us to disuse our dame-school measures and exchange our Mosaic and Ptolemaic schemes for her large style. We knew nothing rightly for want of perspective. Now we know what patient periods must round themselves before the rock is formed; then before the rock is broken, and the first lichen race has disintegrated the thinnest external plate into soil, and opened the door for the remote Flora, Fauna, Ceres and Pomona to come in. How far off yet is the trilobite! how far the quadruped! how inconceivably remote is man! It is a long way from granite to the oyster; farther yet to Plato and the preaching of the immortality of the soul. Yet all come, as surely as the first atom has two sides.'"

Thus a great soul anticipates scientific discovery. There are always a few souls who are somewhat omniscient, who speak truth years and years before it is known to science.

Shakespeare knew about the circulation of the blood before it was announced as a discovery by Harvey.

The soul knows long before the mind. Read the ancient manuscripts of oriental mystics with respect to Reincarnation, and you begin to know about the theory of modern evolution. And so it is with about all scientific discoveries—the soul anticipates them. Telepathy foreshadows the discovery that we can use the ether in transferring vibrations of intelligence. In a while it will be the common practice to convey thought messages great distances by telepathy. Clairaudience and clairvoyance will not be marveled at or questioned in a little while, because of their common occurrence. In the bright future seers, prophets and adepts will be so common that people will only marvel when men have not attained to these psychic gifts. Modern spiritualism is clearing the way for all men to know how to hold communion with the Angel Worlds.

The seer and prophet of the Twentieth Century sees with a clearer vision and hears with a clearer ear than any of the seers and prophets of old. This is the real age of inspiration and revelation. Look about! any thinking and observing man can see that what man is doing now is greater than he ever did, and it does not take a very great seer or prophet to anticipate what great things man will do in a little while. Emerson saw clearly and was, as they say, fifty years ahead of his time. And one who sows to the spirit, and cultivates the soul, and keeps an open mind, will see, hear and know things that will bring joy, peace and bliss to his being. Come, let us all become seers, sages and prophets—sane, wise and happy—progressive and prosperous.

What glorious bliss! to feel our oneness with Divine Life—with eternal Universal Life. Such blissful freedom of the soul is indescribable with printer's types.

Hope sustains the faltering mind and helps it to quiet itself and take on new strength and new power. Hope always says: Fear Not! Fear Not!

THE ESSENTIAL OF FAITH.

All Faith is, in its essence, the love of the Self; not of the physical self, but of the spiritual being of which the former is the manifestation. Our faith in God or in an idol is based, fundamentally, upon our recognition of Self-worth, says Eugene Del Mar.

We believe and expect that our superior merit will attract or draw to us the object of our desires. Without this Self-regard, the very foundation of Faith would be lacking. Did we not believe that we were more deserving than others, we should feel that they might preferentially be chosen for especial favor.

It is the Self we see in others when we love; but this truth remains unknown to us until our consciousness is awakened sufficiently to the conception that All is Good. Then we recognize in the Self the beauties that we have always unconsciously represented. It is the Self we see when we have Faith; for we have risen to the further understanding that All is One, and have come to a recognition that we are whatever another is and may manifest whatever another may manifest.

That which is commonly called love is our regard for another, our recognition of inherent worth and beauty in another, our consciousness of harmony with another. Love idealizes and exalts the object of its devotion. Through love we see and sense in another what we are not as yet conscious of in the Self, and its first effect is the relative depreciation of Self.

As our recognition of inherent worth and beauty in another intensifies, it translates itself into a consciousness of our harmony or correspondence with the other; and this serves to awaken in the Self the recognition of its own possession of what it has sensed in another. The recognition of harmony with another has aroused a consciousness in the Self of the ideal suggested by the other. And our unconscious harmonies are thus converted into the domain of consciousness.

Our love for another has resulted in a conscious development of love in the Self, or Faith. We have not appropriated or absorbed anything from the other, but we have placed our conscious Self in the thought currents with which our idealizations are in harmony. We have not diminished the supply of worth or beauty in the other; but, on the contrary, have intensified and added to the conscious supply of a higher spiritual development. And we have assisted the other toward a greater realization of the beauty and worth we have discerned in him.

We are individual, yet inseparable, manifestations of a Unity that is fundamental; together we constitute a Unit. We are mutually essential and indispensable. A life of separation and isolation would result in stagnation and decay. We grow from within, but we secure our material from without. We make use of what others supply. Growth is the result of mutuality of benefit, and there would be no growth were there not interaction and co-operation.

Faith, or love of the Self, is developed through love for others. One may love without Faith, but may not acquire Faith without love. Faith is the more concentrated essence, and much love of others may be necessary to

the distillation of but little Faith. One may consciously love others without conscious love of the Self. One may exert much influence over others, and yet lack the power of Self-guidance. One may cure others while unable to heal the Self. But when one is master of the Self, the Universe is his dominion.

It is through love of others as it develops into Faith that the soul is able to appropriate ever-increasingly the attributes of Universal Spirit, and to unceasingly segregate and convert its illimitable harmonies into use and expression. It is through love of others and Faith in the Self that one is able to vibrate with the rhythm of Universal Existence, and to strike the chords whose responses chime a beautiful Symphony of Life.

ACTIONS MAKE ENVIRONMENT.

This is a general principle of far-reaching effect, and it will be well to work it out a little into detail. By his actions man affects his neighbors on the physical plane; he spreads happiness around him, or he causes distress increasing or diminishing the sum of human welfare. This increase or diminution of happiness may be due to very different motives—good, bad or mixed. A man may do an act that gives wide-spread enjoyment from sheer benevolence, from a longing to give happiness to his fellow-creatures; let us say that from such a motive he presents a park to a town, for the free use of its inhabitants; another may do a similar act from mere ostentation, from desire to attract attention from those who can bestow honors (as, he might give it as purchase-money for a title); a third may give a park from mixed motives, partly unselfish, partly selfish.

The motive will severally affect these three men's characters in their future incarnations, for improvement, for degradation, for small results.

But the effect of the action in causing happiness to large numbers of people does not depend on the motive of the giver. The people enjoy the park equally no matter what may have prompted its gift, and this enjoyment, due to the action of the giver, establishes for him a karmic claim on nature, a debt due to him that will be scrupulously paid.

He will receive a physically comfortable or luxurious environment, as he has given wide-spread physical enjoyment, and his sacrifice of physical wealth will bring him his due reward, the karmic fruit of his action.

This is his right; but the use he makes of his position, the happiness he derives from his wealth and his surroundings, will depend chiefly on his character, and here again the just reward accrues to him, each seed bearing its appropriate harvest.

Service rendered to the full measure of opportunity in one life, will produce, as effect, enlarged opportunities of service in another.

One who in a very limited sphere helped each who came in the way, would in a future life be born into a position where openings for giving effective help were many and far-reaching.

Again, wasted opportunities re-appear transmuted as limitations of the instrument, and as misfortunes in the environment.

For instance, the brain of the etheric double will be built defectively, thus bringing about a defective physical brain. The Ego will plan, but will find itself lacking in executive ability, or will grasp an idea, but be unable to impress it distinctly on the brain.

The wasted opportunities are transformed into frustrated longings, into desires which fail to find expression, into yearnings to help, blocked by the absence of power to render it, whether from defective capacity or from lack of occasion.

This same principle is often at work in the cutting away from tender care of some well-loved child or idolized youth. If an Ego treats unkindly or neglects one to whom he owes affectionate duty and protection, or service of any kind, he will but too likely again find himself born in close relationship with the neglected one, and perhaps tenderly attached to him, only for early death to snatch him away from the encircling arms.

The despised poor relation may re-appear as the much-honored heir, the only son, and when the parents find their house left unto them desolate, they marvel at the "unequal ways of Providence," that deprive them of their only one, on whom all their hopes have been set, and leave untouched the many children of their neighbor.

Yet are the ways of Karma equal, though past finding out save for those whose eyes have been opened.—Karma.

A FEW SAYINGS.

"Imagination is the wand of the fairies, which they give to the elect."

"Imagination is a great sea on which the barks, large and small, of our ideas, drift and float to the harbor of expression."

"The mist of doubt vanishes before the sunshine of Truth."

"Heaven is the birth-place of perfection."

"The stars are Angels' eyes that watch over the slumber of Mother Earth."

"Imagination is a canvas of the mind on which are pictured our thoughts and ideas."

"Words are but a trick of the mouth. Great deeds are the sentinels of time, guarding them against the oblivion of the world."

"He who frets because riches come not his way is a fool. Riches end at the grave, but the wealth of good deeds and a pure heart begins in heaven."

"Be true to yourself and others will be true to you."

"Our soul is an eternal lamp around which the raging winds of inharmony and strife blow but fail to extinguish."

"Keep the up-soaring wings of your soul free from the nets of the flesh; so, when the Master calls, he will not be kept waiting."

"Do not rake over dead leaves; let them lie!"

"He prayeth well who loveth well

Both man and bird and beast;

He prayeth best who loveth best

All things both great and small;

For the dear God who loveth us,

He made and loveth all."

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ADVERTISING RATES UPON APPLICATION.

Even while he sings, he smiles his last,
And leaves our sphere behind.
The good old year is with the past;
Oh! be the new as kind!

Love, like law, must be sensed to be understood. It is the sunshine of existence to those who realize it; the vision through which all error is forgiven—all human deeds exalted. It is music to those who sense its sweet vibrations.

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.

The oneness of eternal and universal Life is clearly proven by one fact: We are always the best satisfied and the happiest when we make others happy.

Progressive, eternal man, in this great age of Light and Progress, refuses to live in the myths of tradition.

"All goodness is from God, just as all power is remotely or directly referable to him. This divine influence is not incompatible with human freedom. Every act of goodness is still an act of the will. Omnipotence itself will not enforce obedience."

Peace, harmony and melody can be found only in the Spirit.

"No evil can harm us except as we build it into our world with our own hands."

Greed and envy binds countless men and women to poverty, misery and disease; man is negative and without power or force to do or achieve as long as he is poisoned with the miasma of greed and envy. Of the two defects in man envy is worse than greed.

Earnestness and sincerity are natural qualities of the spiritualized mind, and are the marked qualities of the man of success.

If anything is repulsive to thee in this blessed world, then thou art still asleep, beloved.

We are all His well beloved.

"The tallest trees are most in the power of the winds, and ambitious men of the blasts of fortune."

Man advances as he grows and expands in mind—as he opens his mind, by the power of the eternal God within the soul.

The pendulum of Truth always finds its poise between the extremes. So between the blessed teachings of the East and the blessed teachings of the West the Light of Truth is perceived.

Our passionate and insane desires are never stilled until we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Self-control, self-reliance, fearlessness, courage, force, power and independence of thought come from Spiritual culture—by loving, praying to God within, listening and obeying.

All men have an innate love for character, sanity, soberness, peace, harmony, melody, and that is the reason a whole or complete man always has such tremendous power in the world. Live the life if you would help the whole—and be a blessing to others and your self.

The world and all that is in it grows orderly and beautiful as we learn to live within. The inner expands and lightens the Outer. Indeed, in a while we live in universals and eternals, and heaven is now and here. Such is the power of Spirit.

Oh, ye of little faith! why suffer so? Why be bonded slaves to passions, desires and ambitions? Why not awake and be free? Eternally Free! Dost thou know what absolute Freedom means? Dost thou know what eternal bliss is? Halt! sayest thou not, it is impossible here and now, lest thou display the weakness of thy mind. Come, beloved, be free now and here. Thou art an eternal child of the blessed All Father. Rouse thy self and be free!

Come, let the soul penetrate all the mysteries of Being. Ask the God within the soul for that eternal solvent Light that solves and dissipates all darkness. Darkness is only the absence of light. Tear away the dark opaque veils of ignorance and illusion! Unveil thy self, the eternal soul! Recognize and realize thy self. That is all there is to absolute Freedom—eternal bliss. Unveil the soul! Unveil the soul! Open thy mind! Redeem thy self! Come into the Kingdom! Find the Christ within and become Christed! Penetrate all the mysteries!

There is nothing more helpful and uplifting to man than to think and meditate upon the magnitude and mightiness of the Infinite One—God. Such holy meditation, in a while, expands and opens the finite mind so that it is receptive to the Infinite Mind, and ultimately, some time, somewhere—often here and now—the finite comes into mergence with the Infinite and knoweth that knowing which all is

known. It is not truth that God or the Infinite One is not to be comprehended by the finite one—by you. There are boundless possibilities for growth and progression here and now, if man will but centre his mind on the infinite—on the eternal omnipresent God within his own soul. Prayer to and meditation on God carries man to the Most High.

Strive to make your whole life now and here glorious and triumphant. Live in fullness of eternal life today. Do all you can for the good of the Whole. Be progressive. Grow and expand. Our existence on the earth plane is not for idle and indolent fancies; it is to do; to do each day willingly and cheerfully that which is nearest our hands to do, whether making bread or writing an epic. The great thing in this world is to think, observe, reason, toil, labor, serve and work. As we are perfect in little things we will grow and expand to larger and better things. This is the eternal law. The soul never dodges nor shirks a present duty. This is the way to perfect development.

Dear Brother and Sister,

We pray that this golden chain may extend around the world as a band of Love and Good will. From shore to shore may our little Messenger carry tidings each month to every near, of better things to come. Let it be our purpose to truthfully express our thoughts, and righteously deal with our brothers and sisters. Let Love hold sway. Holy Love is of God.

Our life-impulse is not in outward things, out within, in our minds and hearts, the Self. The inherent power of the Self is omnipotent, because it is eternal God within the eternal soul, our very Self. Both spiritual and temporal benefits are obtained by the power of the universal Self in the individual self, which practically are one, as they never exist apart—are merged and blended together in the eternal One. We are in paradise whenever or wherever we realize this oneness. So there are always men here and now, in a physical body, who are omniscient, omnipotent, and in psychic-mental vision (clairvoyance) and hearing (clairaudience) are omnipresent. In a gross body or an etheric body, on this planet, any planet, or any etheric sphere, they are practically omnipresent. Such are Masters or Adepts. So, to the extent that a man is spiritual, to that extent is he powerful—God-like—masterful.

Nature as it is revealed to us in manifold and wondrous ways bestows its blessing to humanity. It paints in glowing colors the sublimity of God. The lesson is evident, for all the earth rejoices in anticipation of the coming harvest. Through difficulties we gain strength, and when through perfected vision and other attainments we behold the omnipotent Power, we doubt no more. Guardians are ever with us. He maketh his Angels spirits, and I, John, beheld, and I heard the voice of many Angels—and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands.

UPLIFTMENT.

Written for the Mystic Magazine.

Methought I looked upon the face of Christ,
And as I looked all doubting fled away,
For in His presence naught save truth can stay,
Desires were changed, and what had once en-
ticed,

Because of outward beauty, from those heights,
Where truth and beauty are as one, lost power
O'er me; for at this most unlifting hour
Alluring things in which the sense delights
Charmed me no more I was so filled with bliss
Unspeakable, mine every aspiration
Seemed realized, from Him inspiration
Flowed to my soul, like to a holy kiss
It touched me, wakening a spirit
Kin to His own—wide love the heart of it.

Lura Brower.

ONWARD.

Christianity as a stereotyped system is nothing; christianity as a human theology is nothing; only a divine effort, only as an eternal progress, only as a living force, only as an inspiring continuous energy, can it regenerate the world.

Upward and onward, saith the Voice of the Almighty. Ye cannot stay amidst the ruins.

Then bravely, comrades, to the cause, with shout and song, each other cheering. The Lord our God will we serve, and His Voice will we obey.—Josh. 34:24.

ENDOW DUTY WITH LOVE.

Colonel Andrade, of the City of Mexico, once told me that he took two growing flowers and experimented with them thus (both flowers were healthy and of natural growth when he began his experiments): One flower Colonel Andrade endowed with courage, love, force and growth. He gave it sweet, blissful thoughts, and praised its beauty and fragrance. Mentally he blessed and encouraged its perfection and growth. This flower rapidly, very rapidly, developed size, beauty and fragrance. It seemed to jump in ecstatic perfection and to revel in his presence. It developed brighter hue and brilliant color almost in a day. Colonel Andrade said that this flower seemed to know him, and to greet his presence by projecting itself toward him.

The other flower the Colonel frowned upon, scolded and shamed it. Within three days this flower was blighted; a decline set in, its growth ceased, and death followed within a month. Colonel Andrade added that he had never touched either flower.

Here is a beautiful lesson, friend. We are all working for others. Let us leave a smiling, benign thought with all we do. Let our work pass into other hands, carrying mental sunshine into those souls who take out products.

This is particularly applicable to the housewife. It is she who can bless or wither our spiritual being, according to the mental reflection she casts upon our food. A wife can bless her bread as she makes it. She can declare it filled with benign force and life for those who eat it. She can make it to digest, nourish and bless us who eat it, and it will obey her wish. It is the same with every walk of

life. Bathe duty with love! Our friends and successors will thrive on what we have created. Otherwise they may wither, as did Colonel Andrade's flower.

Endow Duty with Love!—Dr. Paul Edwards.

Great truth and blessed revelations come to men from the unseen spirit spheres. All the great poets are Mystic men, there is a tone of universality about poetry that cannot be found in creedal religion. Soul culture will open the mind so that the angels can reach and help us, either directly, or by leading us to holy mediums. To get great help from the Spiritual World one must live a pure and holy life—a pure, calm life, with mind free from fear and filled with love and tolerance. Spiritualism all over the world is spreading with amazing rapidity, converts multiplying in great numbers, and thousands inquiring into its truth.

THE MYSTIC UNION.

For as many of you as were baptized unto Christ, did put on Christ,
He that doeth the Truth, cometh to the Light,
Go to your bosom, knock there,
And ask what it doth know.—(Shakespeare.)

This Mystic Union with Christ, this putting on Christ, is not mere fantastic phraseology which has nothing to do with daily interests, but is to the christian Mystic as his inmost life. To put on Christ is the very central thought of Scripture, the brightest gem of centrality ever possessed, the life of At-onement is attained, and this Union is the precious Jewel of Construction. It demonstrates our growth and purpose, that has no ending, it is as composed of the precious Gold of Ophir. Do not throw it away as valueless, if so you will be poor indeed. Rather test the Ring of Wedlock with our Union, with and in Christ, by the strong hammer of inquiry and the fierce flame of criticism, pour on it if you will, the acid of doubt. It has ever stood the test for centuries and it is still the same Eternal force of Light, the one Jewel of the Saints of God. Therefore put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provisions for the lusts of the flesh. "In Christ" the Mystic Union gives the complementary life

MESSAGE OF THE PATRIARCH

O ye sons and daughters of earth, awake from your slumbers! Arouse the sacred flame that burns within you. Know thyself. Fear naught but self. It alone can quench the Spirit, and leave but dying embers. Turn not away from the Voice that calls thee. Listen! From thine own soul comes the promptings of Divine Origin. Heed, oh ye sorrowing pilgrims, seeing but dimly through the mystic veil! Triumph over the obstructions that lie here and there within the thought realm, as beneath thy feet. All growing things tend towards the Light. Every little flower reaches Heavenward. Despise not the day of common things. The lily's fair petals come forth from the muddy waters—yet an Angel might breathe its sweetness. Look not to the exterior wholly. A rough coat oftentimes covers a warm heart and a pure soul.

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Behold! the bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet him and walk in the Conscious Union of God's life and Love and Light.

Yes, I am nearer Thee—All that I sought,
Of Truth, of Wisdom, or Eternal Right,
Is clearly present to my inmost thought,
Like the up-rising of a "Glorious Light."

M. Hyacinth Lount.

A MORNING PRAYER.

Almighty God, the Eternal One, and Loving Father of All, we approach Thy Majesty with Love and Adoration! How powerful Thou art! Thou art Omnipotent! Thy wonderful works are seen everywhere in the Universe, and amaze our finite minds with Thy Infinite Grandeur! Thy Omniscience fills us with Love, Adoration and Devotion! Thy Omnipresence makes us know that we are all Thy Blessed Children! O Loving God, the All-Good, how can we turn our gaze from Thee and Thy wonderful works! O Patient One, forgive our past impatience and give us grace this day to be kind, gentle, meek and patient, as was Thy Blessed Son, Our Master and Elder Brother, Jesus Christ! Give us this day Light, Leading, Direction and Guidance! May we so serve Thee this day, Blessed One, that this will bring us one day nearer Thy Kingdom! May we ever honor and glorify Thee, Eternal God, and Christ and the Angels! Amen.

A kiss of love,
Set on thy sighing lips,
Shall make thee glad,
A poor man, served by thee,
Shall make thee rich,
A sick man helped by thee,
Shall make thee strong,
Thou shalt be served thyself,
In every sense,
Of service which thou renderest.

Browning.

In the Spirit World we are intensely active: what we do here we do there, only far more perfectly, and all is more real, more perfect, on higher, serener, intenser levels.

THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Few people realize the deep meaning underlying the words cause and effect, using them in general to apply to the material plane alone, and little thinking that they represent, not only the law that controls the planets, but the law that takes into account each act and thought of our daily lives. The average mortal is too prone to separate the material from the spiritual, the visible from the invisible world, and it is as a reminder that the universe is a perfect Whole, and that a law upon one plane is a law upon all planes, that this article is written.

No one needs to be told of the operation of cause and effect in the material world, for the law is visible all about us. We see it working in all Nature, from the destruction or growth of a continent down to the destruction or growth of a molecule. We see it in the rise and fall of nations, and, coming down to individuals, we see it exemplified in the working of our physical bodies. We know that if we abuse our bodies Nature will make us suffer, for she is a strict disciplinarian and accounts with her must always be settled. Now, let us consider that Nature is but another term for law, and that this law holds good upon all planes of the Universe, acting no less powerfully upon the invisible than upon the visible planes; for the entire Universe is one great Whole, of which we see but one part—the material; but behind all manifestation, and throbbing and pulsating in all, is the great Spirit of things, the One Reality, the Absolute.

Realizing ourselves to be a part of this great Spirit—a drop, as it were, in the ocean of Divinity—we see at once that we also must come under the sway of this mighty law of cause and effect; and, knowing this, let us, instead of pitting our puny strength against it, strive to recognize and work in harmony with it, so that we may in time become at one with it and thus attain to perfect peace. The Lord of this mortal frame is something more than a mass of matter, tainted with the animal instincts and desires of hundreds of generations. It is the conscious ego, the immortal spirit, which directs, controls and moulds the physical body, the instrument through which it gains experience in matter. And, this being the case, every act we perform and every thought we send out are bound to react at some time upon us. A cause once set up, the effect is bound to be reached—just as a pendulum swung to one side will swing equally far in the opposite direction. Nature works for a balance—an equilibrium.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days;" this passage takes on added force when considered in the light of cause and effect. For, whatever our bread may be—whether it be good and white and pure, or foul and black—once it is cast out upon the waters of eternity it cannot be recalled, but we will surely find it after many days and be compelled to eat thereof. And when we say "we," we do not mean those physical personalities with their various names and appurtenances, which fade away like the shadows they are; we mean rather the self-conscious individuality, the ego, the Lord of this mortal frame. "But," you say, "many people do pass through an entire life and never

even see the bread they daily cast out upon the stormy seas." Yes, and do you think that this Lord of our bodies is limited to the experiences of one personality and one phase of existence? Impossible. Christ said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and so are we all. We, the real sons of God, have always lived, gaining experience in many lives and putting off and taking on body after body, as we need them. Each succeeding life is the outcome, the summing up as it were, of all the lives gone before, and our future lives will be the exact results of our present acts and thoughts. Thus the great law of cause and effect is carried out on all planes, and rebirth, or reincarnation, is simply its process. Our present is but the definite result of our own past actions, and our future is in our own hands. Once a cause is set in motion on any plane, the effect is bound to follow, as does the night the day; and it may be tomorrow and it may be a thousand years hence, but some day we will reap what we have sown. Let us be careful, therefore, how we sow the seed, lest we reap the whirlwind.

The two principal opponents of the law of cause and effect are modern Christianity and materialism. We say modern Christianity, for real, true Christianity is far away from most of the doctrines of the modern Church. This institution holds that we come here without any apparent cause at all, at least of our own making, and that we can set all sorts of causes in motion during this life, and then, by a mere act of belief and repentance, set aside all law and at once be transported into the realms of eternal bliss. True, they talk about an abode of eternal "punishment," but nobody believes he is destined to go there, no matter how he lives. The utter iniquity of such a plan for governing the Universe is so plain that we need discuss it no further. The proof that people are beginning to wake up and use their brains is to be found in the

fact that, according to statistics, Christianity (as found in the churches) is on the decline.

The other opposing force, materialism, is equally inconsistent. The materialist claims to believe in evolution, and will spend hours in telling of the development of the race through the lower kingdoms up to the present stage, and then, pointing proudly to the puny, imperfect specimens of manhood about him (and generally including himself), will say, "Behold! Evolution goes no farther." Is such a position either reasonable or consistent? If evolution is to be cut short with the cycle but half completed, then it is not a law, and the materialist is left without an inch of tenable ground to stand on.

Furthermore, neither Christianity nor materialism can explain in any reasonable way the differences between people in character and environment. "Heredity," you say? If it were the law controlling these things, then the children of the same parents ought to be alike, especially in the case of twins. Heredity deals only with the personal, physical man, with his tastes and tendencies. The real man, the ego, is something apart from all this—using his surroundings simply as a means to an end and accountable to himself alone. The law of cause and effect, together with the process of reincarnation, explains, as nothing else can, the differences in character and environment, not only of individuals, but of races and nations, and their rise and fall. It places the evolution of man upon a logical basis, not only in the past but in the future; and, by demonstrating that man is alone responsible for what he is, it places his destiny in his own hands and sheds a new light upon the Teacher's words: "The kingdom of heaven is within you."—Grace Lee Orr.

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